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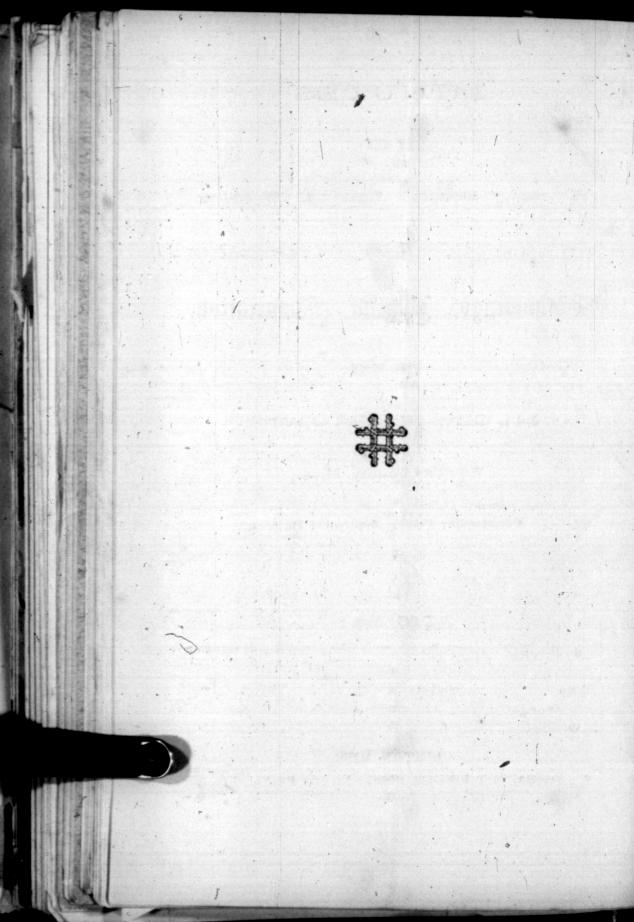
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# FIRST DAY-OPENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 29, 1882,

The Twenty-second annual session of the Tishimingo Baptist Association met with the Mt. Olive Church, Prentiss county, Mississippi, Friday at 9 o'clock a.m., before the first Lord's day in October, 1882. Bro. John D. Bills, Moderator, and J. W. Smith, Secretary.

The Association was called to order, and a quorum not being present, a recess was had to 10 o'clock, when the Association convened, and devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Taylor.

Bros. W. P. McGee and W. A. Richardson appointed reading clerks, when the following churches were represented by letters and delegates, to-wit: Rienzie, Mt. Olive, Kossuth, Cane Creek, Corinth, Mount Hebron, Osborne Creek. Brush Creek, Farmington, Booneville and Baldwyn. Chewalla presented petitionary letter, (organized Sept. 1882) and, on motion, was admitted. The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the permanent organization was postponed till evening session. The Associational sermon was preached by Elder W. G. Thompson, Matt. xxxviii:20, Luke xvi:16, after which the Association adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder H. G. Savage. The following churches presented letters: Hinkle's

Creek, Glendale, Providence, Piney Grove, Oak Grove, Union, New Salem, Antioch, Tuscumbia, Mt. Pleasant, Meadow Creek, Shiloh, Mt. Providence and Union Grove. A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. The Chair appointed as tellers, Elder J. J. Andrews, of Judson Association, Elder J. T. Pitts and W. L. Souter, of Chickasaw Association. The ballot being announced, Bro. J. D. Bills was declared elected Moderator, and J. W. Smith, Secretary.

On motion, the tollowing Order of Business was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1-Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.

2-Appoint committees.

3—Appoint messengers to other religious bodies.

4-Call for reports.

5-Elect Executive Board.

6-Appoint time and place for next session of this body, and elect elder to preach Association sermon.

7-Resolutions and miscelaneous business.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Elder T. H. Underwood, Chairman; W. G. Thompson, W. A. Richardson, E. T. Smith, G. A. Prichard J. N. Smith, A. C. Vandiver, N. A. Morgan and R. Morris.

Associational Missions—Elder J. H. Taylor, Chairman; J. M. Steigler, Wm. New, E. F. Haynie, Jas. Stutts, Thos. Smith, J. M. Buchanan, W. G. Dixon, W. J. Moss and R. J. Gossett.

Schools and Colleges—Elder H. S. Archer, Chairman; J. S. Berry, J. W. Burress, W. F. Lewis, W. D. Lancaster, T. P. Norman, J. T. Harris, D. J. Calvery, T. C. Swinney and W. L. Calvery.

Literary and Publication Interests—Elder H. G. Savage, Chairman; J. V. Alexander, J. P. Porall, H. Hines, J. L. White, J. M. Taylor, H. C. Parker, Jas. Butler and N. W. Reeves.

Finance—Elder W. M. Henderson, Chairman; Jno. Perkins, W. A. Davis, M. Nelms and Henry Hines.

Sabbath-schools-Elder J. S. Berry, Chairman; Jno. Perkins, J. W. Busby, J. H. Taylor, G. W. Phillips, W. C. Butler, Thos.

Moreland, Jas. Smith, R. H. Holt, C. C. Dalton, H. G. Savage, W. M. Henderson and Thos. Holt.

State Missions—Elder W. L. Skinner, Chairman; L. R. Burress, W. A. Davis, W. P. McGee, B. F. Duncan, D. T. Killough, T. K. Muse, R. C. Barnell, Robert Teunison, Wm. Dubois, H. S. Archer, T. W. Jones and A. J. Dalton.

State of Religion—Elder W. G. Thompson, Chairman; T. M. Meek., M. Nelms, E. T. Jones, W. J. Calvery, S. J. Morten, J. H. Scott, D. R. Hooker, H. Hensly, M. D. Gray, H. A. Teunison, J. R. Ellidge, T. F. Teunison, F. M. Owen, W. L. Waters and J. L. Greer.

The Chair then proceeded to call for correspondence and inviting visiting brethren to seats. Elder J. J. Andrews and Bros. W. T. Doty and J. R. Bristow were recognized as messengers from Judson Association.

Elder J. T. Pitts, Bros. N. M. Berry, W. C. Pitts, and Tony Jackson, of Chickasaw Association.

Elder H. M. Long and Licentiate J. E. Buchanan, of Tip-pah Association.

The chair appointed the following committee on Devotional Exercises: Bro. E. F. Haynie, Chairman; A. M. Belew, L. R. Burress, with the deacons of Mt. Olive Church. The committee retired, and after a short session reported the following appointments: Elder W. M. Henderson, in this house to-night, and Elder J. H. Taylor, at Asbury Methodist church to-night, Elder H. G. Savage, this house 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The following messengers to other religious bodies were appointed:

Tippah Association, Ripley, Friday before fourth Lord's day in September, 1883—Elders W. L. Skinner, J. S. Berry, W. G. Thompson, A. C. Vandiver, L. R. Burress, W. D. Lancaster, W. M. Henderson, W. J. Calvery, Bros. H. M. Cobb, M. Nelms, J. D. Bills and W. G. Dixon.

Judson Association, Friendship Church, Lee county, Miss., Thur-day before second Lord's day in September, 1883—Elder W. L. Skinner, E. T. Smith, and Bros. G. A. Prichard, J. P. Burge, A. J. Evans, G. N. Williams and J. W. Burress.

Unity Association, Henderson, Tenn., to include second Lord's day in September, 1883—Elders H. G. Savage, W. G. Thomp-

son, J. H. Taylor, J. T. Harris, H. S. Archer, W. L. Skinner, and Bros. W. G. Dixon, J. D. Bills, N. W. Reeves and T. W. Jones.

Chickasaw A-sociation, Amaziah Church, Friday before third Lord's day in September, 1883—G. N. Williams, W. E. McElroy, J. V. Alexander and A. J. Evans.

Bear Creek Association, (time of meeting not known.)—Elders J. Skinner, E. S. Caudeler and J. C. Hughes.

Baptist State Convention, Crystal Springs, Thursday before third Lord's day in July, 1883—Elders R. R. White, W. G. Thompson, L. R. Burress, J. H. Taylor, H. S. Archer, W. L. Skinner, J. S. Berry, E. T. Smith, and Bros. J. D. Bills and J. V. Alexander.

Ripley Colored Association, near Blue Mountain, Tippah county, Miss. (time unknown)—Elder J. S. Berry and Bro. J. M. Martin.

Booneville Colored Association, at Mt. Olive, Prentiss county, Miss., (time unknown)—Elder L. R. Burress, W. P. McGee, W. A. Davis, J. C. McGee, J. T. Harriss, J. A. Jones and Dr. Brown.

On motion, Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock, September 30th, 1882.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Officers present as on yesterday. Prayer by Elder R. R. White.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Elder L. R. Burress, the regular order of business was suspended and the Association proceeded to the selection of time and place of meeting for next annual session of this body, and selection of elder to preach Associational sermon, which resulted as follows: Time, Friday before first Lord's day in October, 1883. Place, Shiloh Church, Alcorn county, Miss.; Elder J. H. Taylor to preach Associational Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday. The regular order of business then resumed, and the chair proceeded to call for reports, then the following committees reported.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Elder T. H. Underwood, Chairman, submitted the following:

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Your committe has cause to rejoice, in looking over the field, which is the world, to see the great progress being made in this great work, and seeing what our own denomination is doing makes us proud that we are Baptists. Many of our great and good men and women are giving themselves to this noble work and spreading the light of the Gospel in many dark corners of the world. Behold this brave army! Jesus, their great commander and the mighty corps of preachers and privates marching on and gaining strength each day; men saying, "here am I, send me!" the rich giving of the bounty that the Lord has given them, and the poor, at a sacrfice, giving liberally. Who would not sing, "I'm glad I'm in this army." Your committee heartily recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, and are glad to see our own State paper, the Record, boldly advocating Foreign Missions. While much is being done, there is yet much to do, for remember that there are millions of benighted heathens who never heard of Jesus, and are perishing in their sins; remeber the last command of our Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We would further urge the churches of this body to remember at a throne of grace our loved brothers and sisters who are laboring in foreign fields; especially Bro. and Sister Simmons, who have gone from our Association. We have in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa, some 230 foreign and native missionaries and teachers, and about 90,000 converts, and they receive from the churches and disburse annually through this work \$350,000.

> Respectfully submitted, T. H. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, interesting speeches were made by Elder H. M. Long, R. R. White and others, when Elder W. L. Skinner, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That each church in this Association appoint an agent to solicit contributions from each of her members for the

building of a chappel for Bro. Simmons, in Canton, China, and for Foreign Missions. When the following amounts were promised, and resolution adopted.

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The question being called the report was adopted. On motion, a recess was had till 1 o'clock p. m.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. M. Henderson.

# REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Elder J. H. Taylor, Chairman, presented the following report:

Your Committee on Associational Missions would report an appaling destitution of Gospel preaching within our territory. There is a great work needed among us; several of our weak churches greatly need missionary assistance; many places are entirely without Gospel preaching. Surely all this responsibility resting upon us should arouse us to greater interest in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TAYLOR, Chairman.

The report was ably discussed and supported by Elders Taylor, Skinner and Archer, and adopted.

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REPORT ON LITERARY AND PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

Elder G. H. Savage, Chairman, submitted the following: Your Committe on Literary and Publication Interests, beg leave to report that, to be an intelligent people we must be a reading people, and the Bible being the book to direct us from this to another world, we should read it carefully and be governed by its teachings. Next, we should read and circulate our denominational literature. We therefore recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, and the printing house of Rogers & Co., of Memphis, Tenn. In connection with these, we recommend our State paper, the Record, also the Baptist and Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words; let these be circulated and read and we shall have that knowledge so necessary to our success as a people.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. SAVAGE, Chairman.

#### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Elder H. S. Archer submitted the following report:

There are few duties that any people owe to themselves, their children, country and God, that takes precedence over that of educating. In our high schools and colleges are afforded the best means and facilities of obtaining a thorough education. Therefore we should establish, foster and support our schools and colleges. It is a rule to which there are few exceptions, that institutions of learning in the hands of the learned and wise, have much to do in directing the mind, shaping the character and fixing the political and moral destinies of nations. So it is with the religious world; if she would implant in the mind great and lasting truths, and imprint upon the memory fond recollections and gain access to and control the hearts of a people, let it establish, patronize and support institutions of learning. Therefore we, your committee, recommend to your favorable consideration the high schools of our Association, towit; Oak Lawn school, of which Elder L. R. Burress is principal; and Bro. W. I. Gibson's school at Rienzie, Miss., Then we have our State College at Clinton, Miss.; Blue Mountain Female College, at Blue Mountain, Tippah county, Miss.; the school at Henderson, Tenn., and the Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER, Chairman,

This report was endorsed by strong speeches from Elder H. M. Long, L. R. Burress and H. G. Savage, and on motion, was adopted.

The Committee on Finance, through their chairman, reported the amount of thirty-four dollars contributions collected by them on minute fund, and on motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

### REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Elder J. S. Berry submitted the following report:

That the Sunday-school work is so important that we can not be faithful to duty and neglect it. There ought to be a Sunday-school in every church in our Association. We believe that great good would result from such a state of things. The Sunday-school affords grand opportuities for doing good. First of all, souls may be brought to Christ, and besides this, the Lord's day will be saved from desecration; broader and deeper views of God's word will prevail; young hearts will be trained for a future work; a knowledge of our missionary operations at home and abroad will be disseminated; our churches strengthened and God's name honored in our bounds. We are glad to report that our colporteur, Bro. W. G. Thompson, can furnish Sunday-school supplies. We also carnestly recommend Kind Words and Little Gem, published at Macon, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BERRY, Chairman.

On motion of Elder J. S. Berry, it was ordered that the historical and statistical portion of Elder W. G. Thompson's Associational sermon, delivered before this body, be published in the minutes of this Association.

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On motion, a committee of five was raised, designated as a Committe on Temperance. The chair appointed the following named brethren as such committee: Elder T. H. Underwood, Chairman; L. R. Burress, H. S. Archer, Wm. Henderson and E. F. Haynie.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: Preaching for to-night—Elder H. M. Long, Asbury Church; W. L. Skinner, Mt. Olive; J. H. Taylor, Lebanon; H. S. Archer, Double Springs. Sunday-School at this house 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. Elder H. M. Long, in this church; H. G. Savage, colored church, and R. R. White, this house, 2 o'clock p. m.; J. T. Pitts, at night in this house.

Several interesting speeches were made before the Sundayschool, at 9 o'clock a. m.

## THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 2, 1882.

Association met pursuant to adjournment with a good delegation. Devotional exercises by Elder R. R. White.

Minutes of former day read, corrected and approved.

### REPORT ON TEMPERVNCE.

Your committee have reasons to rejoice and be encouraged at the progress being made in the temperance cause. At no time since efforts were made to stay the tide of intemperance and to arrest the enormous evils with which intoxicating liquors have been flooding society, were the prospects of the temperance cause were so full of encouragement as it is to-day. Great and good men are bending and concentrating their energies and time to this noble work, and it is rapidly becoming the popular sentiment of the age; but while the prospects in the cause are so encouraging, the blighting influence of intemperance can be plainly seen and felt in society, and even within the sacred pales of the church. Your committe therefore present the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption, believing it right and proper that the church should clearly discriminate itself from the world.

Resolved, That the Tishimingo Baptist Association recommend to all the churches within our bounds the positive prohibition of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, within the church,

Resolved, That we declare ourselves in full sympathy with the great temperance and prohibition movement of the day, and earnestly ask all of our churches and members to labor for the advancement and promulgation of the temperance cause.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged, and pending the adoption, earnest and able speeches in support of the resolutions were made by J. E. Buchanan, R. R. White, Thompson, Smith and others, and the report was adopted.

The collection of Sunday for State and Associational Missions amounted to \$16.05.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Elder W. L. Skinner submitted the following report on State Missions:

The efforts of the State Mission Board are still earnestly put forth to preach the Gospel in the destitute places in our own State, East Lousiana and the great city of New Orleans. The Board has two evangelists laboring among the churches within her bounds; Elder D. I. Purser among the whites, and Eld. A. H. Boothe to the colored; also forty missionaries and ten colporteurs. The expenses of the Board are about \$18,000 per annum. Your committee heartily endorse the action of the Executive Board of this Association in the employment of Eld. W. G. Thompson as missionary and colporteur, and would recommend such an arrangement for the future, and would earnestly request the secretary of the State Board to visit the churches of this Association in the interest of the work.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. SKINNER, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

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The chair appointed the following as committe on Home Missions: Elder W. L. Skinner, Chairman; J. E. Buchanan, E. T. Smith and J. S. Berry.

The committee, after a short session, reported through their chairman the following:

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptsst Convention, report that this Board has before it an important work and a large field to be occupied. We call attention to New Orleans, the Indian Nation, and the Chinese in California, and other destitution not occupied by other bodies.

Sister Janie Sanford has accepted work among the Chinese in California, and money has been collected for her first year's support. We recommend that a sister in each church be appointed by the church to raise money for her next year's support.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. SKINNER, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, J. E. Buchanan, of Tippah Association, made an eloquent effort in support of the report, and an earnest appeal in behalf of Sister Sanford, when a collection was had and the sum of twenty dollars in cash received, after which, on motion, the report was adopted.

The chair appointed the following as Committee on Nominations of Executive Board, to-wit.: Elder J. S. Berry, Chairman; H. G. Savage and W. M. Henderson, and after a conference of said committee, they reported as follows:

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS,

Your Committee on Nominations recommend as an Executive Board the following brethren: Elder W. L. Skinner, Chairman; Bros. J. W. Burress, T. W. Jones, W. A. Davis and J. V. Alexander, with the Modarator and Clerk of this body as ex-officio members, and suggest that the Board be located at Booneville, Miss.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. BERRY, Chairman. On Motion, the report was adopted and committee discharged.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION,

Elder W. G. Thompson, Chairman, submitted the following report:

There has been, as we learn from letters and delegates, a good revival spirit within our bounds; some two hundred in strength have been added to our numbers, about 135 by baptism. A missionary spirit seems to be more prevalent than it has been. A larger number of our churches are helping in the spread of the Gospel; there is a tendency to a continuous revival spirit. God hasten the day when under preaching the Gospel on ordinary occasions men shall be converted to Christ. Let us get it out of the minds of men that there must be a great stir before they can be converted. We deplore the fact that men of Christian character will allow their names to appear on whisky petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Report was adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk of this Association for the faithful discharge of their duties, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors of this association, and to the colored brethren for the use of their house of worship, and to the M. & O. R. R. company for reduction of fare to delegates.

The president of the Executive Board being absent, the clerk submitted the following report:

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board, at a meeting held at Booneville, in February, 1882, employed Elder W. G. Thompson as our mis-

sionary for the year beginning January 1st, 1882, for his whole time, at a salary of five hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH, Clerk of Board.

The chair announced that the business of the Association was finished, and after very feeling and appropriate remarks by Elder G. H. Savage, a parting hymn was sung and the hand of Christian fellowship extended. The Association united with Bro. Savage in prayer, when the chair announced the body adjourned, to meet in annual session at the time and places designated.

J. D. BILLS, Moderator.

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# UNION MEETING.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The next meeting of this body will be with Mount Hebron Church, Thursday before third Lord's day in July, 1883.

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J. P. Powell-"Preaching Jesus."

W. P. McGee-"Duties of Deacons."

J. S. Berry-"Duty of Pastors to Church."

E. T. Smith-"An Educated Ministry."

G. N. Williams—"Best Method of Getting Delinquent Members to Attend Church."

A. J. Evans-"Proper Training of Children."

Elder E. T. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

Brush Creek, Thursday before the first Lord's day in August, 1883.

Elder W. M. Henderson to preach the Introductory sermon; W. L. Skinner, alternate.

Essays and subjects called for:

D. T. Killough-"Baptism,"

J. L. Gray-"Repentance."

F. H. Holt-"Duty of Pastor to Church."

W. L. Skinner-"Duty of Members to Pastor."

W. G. Thompson-"How to Read the Word of God."

W. M. Hederson-"Duty of Older Members to the Younger."

A. M. Belcher-"Duty of Members to Inform Themselves."

J. D. Bills-"The Relation of Temperance to Church."

W. A. Parish-"What Shall We Do for Children?"

J. H. Taylor-"Reflex Influence of Missions."

J. M. Martin-"Whom Should Our Church Ordain to Ministry?"

J. S. Skinner-"The Lord's Supper."

Thos. Meeks-"Missionary Conviction."

F. F. Taylor—"How Shall we Develop the Female Membership of Our Church?"

### RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of forder; but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members rising.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered unless it be laid over, upon motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of the churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no

case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

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9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

### COVENANT.

Adopted in 1860, at the formation of the Association, and afterwards ratified by the churches.

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influences for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of "The Tishimingo Baptist Association."

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, and dismissed by letter, excluded and dead, during the year, together with the woole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday-school pupils, number of teachers and number of conversions; amounts contributed for Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Support of Pastor, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended:

 We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every hundred above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings, it shall be considered as

having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next annual meeting.

Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed spiritual.

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine or disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of five members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct, and to take the oversight of all missions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

9. We will correspond with sister Associations.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convened, appoint the time and and for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach the next Associational Sermon, and may make such alterations and amendments to this Covenant as two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

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OF

# Introductory Sermon,

Delivered by Elder W. G. Thompson, before the Tishomingo Baptist Association, at Mt. Olive Church, Sept. 29, 1882.

THE MODERN PROGRESS OF BAPRISTS.

Math., xxviii:20; Luke, xvi:16 "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." "The law and the prophets were until John, since that time the kingdom of heaven is preached, and all men press into it."

1. We propose to show you that it is of these Baptists that Jesus speaks in these passages. Their ancient history is recorded in the New Testament, in the histories of John, Christ and his Apostles, with their immediate successors; their progress was then commensurate with the progress of the Gospel, and its victories were grand and glorious. The primitive churches planted by the Apostles maintained their purity of doctrine and practice for a considerable time after the Apostles had passed away. But even in apostolic days, iniquity was at work. The man of sin was revealed, endeavoring to take the place of Christ. During the thousand years of darkness in which the papal power ruled, these Baptists were hunted, slaughtered and burned by thousands. It is true that they bore different names through the different ages and countries, but their doctrine and practices were the same then as to-day. How was it when Luther raised his voice against Popery and her abominations, With what astonishment did he behold these Baptists rise up all over Europe to join in the conflict against this corruption, and again, when he began to teach his own dogmas, Infant Baptism and union of Church and State, he found that these Anabaptists were as ready to assail his false doctrine as they had been those of Popery.

It is impossible in this short discourse to recount all the horrors and tortures of those days in Germany, Switzerland and England, because of our brethren dissenting from the doctrines of the State Religion. But their blood cries up to us from the ground. We must not let the world forget those days lest they

again be repeated.

For a hundred years after Luther, Baptists in England prespered rapidly. "Says an English writer: "Under the shadow of independency they increased their numbers above all the sect in the land." In the year 1633, they had 46 churches in and about London, and were the staunch advocates of religious liberty. This was the year after the establishment of the first Baptist church in America by John Clark; or 17 years before John Bunyan began to preach in England. We cannot afford to follow their detailed progress in Europe. However, in 1870 there were 2,568 Baptist churches, with 233,675 members in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and their church organizations increasing at the rate of one every three days. In a London pulpit now stands a Baptist minister, (Spurgeon,) the most prominent in the world. The English Baptists were the leaders of modern missions. William Cary, a shoemaker, who studied his Bible, with a map of the world before him, at his bench, until his soul was fired to "attempt great things for God, and to expect great things of God." He first aroused his brethren at home, then said he, "Brethren, if you will hold on to the rope I will go down into the well." He went abroad into heathen darkness and translated the Bible into their language, and had the pleasure of seeing many brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ, and an army of missionaries in the field entering the dark places of earth, seeking to give the Gospel light. From the days of John the Baptist until now Baptists have advocated religious liberty. This sentiment has so far prevailed in England that the State religion is ready to be disestablished, as in Ireland. The modern grogress of Baptists in Germany is truly wonderful. The one church and seven members of thirty-seven years ago has grown to seventyone churches and 13,468 members. Since 1852 their progress in Sweden has been from one to 8,148 members and 203 churches. In other countries of Europe we have made rapid progress. Even in Rome have we again planted our standard,

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where, 1800 years ago the apostles planted Baptist churches. Paul wrote an epistle to them in which he says, "What shall we say then? shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid! How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into death, that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we also should walk in newness of life." Strange language to be addressed to any but Baptists. Now may be heard the sound of the Gospel again all over Italy. The feet of modern apostles will soon stand where the feet of ancient apostles once stood and testified for Jesus, but we must hasten to Baptist progress in America. The pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620, 262 years ago. They came here to this then wilderness country to enjoy liberty, to worship God as they saw fit, but not to establish that soul liberty for which Baptists have always striven. Those who came to their colony must worship as did they or they would not be tolerated.

In 1638 John Clark, and not Roger Williams, established the first Baptist shurch in America. Through this main instrumentality in Rhode Island the first human government of modern times, granted perfect religious freedom and completel separated church and State. What a grand and glorious work, the planting of the mustard seed in the wilderness. Will storms of fire and persecution destroy it? or will it shelter a great nation? We have the answer in the present religious liberty of our country. Its blessings shall yet extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

In the year 1700, 60 years after the first Baptist church in America, there were but 15 Baptist churches in America. This was but the growth of one church every four years, and these came through great trials—they were imprisoned, fined and whipped for preaching the Gospel. From 1700 to 1750 the colonists made much more rapid progress; so did churches at the end of the first 50 years. Baptists numbered 58 churches, nearly one church per year. In the next 40 years—1750 to 1790—much greater progress was made. This embraces the

Revolutionary period that stirred men's souls on this great ques-Ligh was diffused and truth gained glorious victories in these 40 years. Baptists increased from 58 to 872 churches. with a membership of 64,975. This was a gain of 20 churches per year, instead of one. The population was then four millions; one in every twenty was a Baptist. From 1790 to 1830. a period of forty years, the population has increased from four to twelve millions, while Baptist churches have increased from 872 to 5,000, or more than 100 per year, or two per week From 1830 to 1870 we have increased from 5,000 to 17,445 churches, an average of six per week, and for the last twenty years about one per day. In the United States the number of Baptists has increased in the last forty years over a million, while Baptist sentiments have prevailed among the Pedobaptists such an extent that many of them believe in immersion and to deny infant sprinkling, which could not have been done in other days without having incurred fines and imprisonment. Thank God, the leaven is working through the whole lump. and we are working and hoping for the day in which it shall all be leavened.

Let us look at our own State work. Our mission work is one of the most encouraging and successful. Our people are united almost into a solid phalanx. We have grown from a handful in 1874 to a host of workers in 1882. With forty missionaries in the field, and ten colporteurs distributing and disseminating the blessed truths that we have ever taught, all over the land, laying broad and wide the foundation for a mighty work in the near future, our people are rallying around the standard in a solid host. A grand missionary spirit is taking hold upon them, a grand and glorious future is be-The Lord is with us, as he has promised in the text; men are pressing into this kingdom on every side by thousands, at home and abroad. In 1812 we commenced our work abroad. Judson and Rice were given to us for this. Since that time we have sent out over 300 missionaries, through whom over twenty-four thousand heathen have been brought to Christ and twenty-six thousand have been converted from formalism to true Christianity. Our work for the future is full of hope. All the departments of our work seem to say press on for I am with you. Our educational work is simply grand. Let us then work and wait with patience for the fruit of our labor. "Even so be with us, dear Lord."

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FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Friday, October 5th, 1883.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the TISHIMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Shiloh church, Alcorn county Miss., Friday 9'clock a.m., before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1883,

Bro. Jno. D. Bills, Moderator and J. W. Smith, Glerk.

The Association was called to order by the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Mederator.

The chair appointed brethren C. E. Stanley and W. A. Richardson reading clerks when the following churches were

represent d by letters and delegates, to-wit:

Booneville, Baldwyns, Fr ish Creek, Cane Creek, Kossuth, Shiloh, Meadow Creek, Tuscumbia, Hinklers Creek, Osborne Creek, Piney Grove, Shady Grove, Union, Union Grove, Mt. Gillead, Corinth, Glendale, Mt. Olive, Farmington, Antioch No. 2, Chewalla, Rienza, New Salem, Oak Grove.

The following churches presented petitionary letters, and on motion, were received, and delegates admitted to seats, to-wit:

Antioch No. 1, from Tippah Association; Gaston, Prentiss county, organized Saturday before 3d Lord's day in August, 1883; Spring Hill, Tishomingo county, Miss., organized, 1882.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the permanent or-

ganization was postpened until evening session.

The Associational sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Taylor, Numbers 13:30, after which Association adjourned to 1 o'clock p.m.

### EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 1 o'clock p.m.

Prayer by Elder H. L. Finley.

A quorum being present the Association proceeded to permanent organization.

The ballot being announced, Bro. Jno. D. Bills was declared elected Moderator, and J. W. Smith, Clerk.

The following order of business was then adopted.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st, Call for correspondence and invited visiting brethren to seats.

2d, Appoint committees.

3d, Appoint messengers to other religious bodies.

4th, Call for reports.

5th, Elect Executive Boar 1.

6th, Appoint time and place for next session of this body, and elect elder to preach Associational sermon.

7th, Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

On call for correspondence and inviting visiting brethren to seats, Elders H. L. Finley and Ray were recognized as messengers from Tippah Association.

From Ripley colored Association, Elders Thos. Brewhes, and J. B. Mc Williams were recognized and invited to seats.

The chair appointed the following committees.

Devotional Exercises—Bro. W. A. Davis, H. M. Conn, and E. F. Romines, with deacons and pastor of Shiloh church.

Foreign Missions—L. R. Burness, chairman, J. V. Alexander, D. N. Wicks, T. P. Norman, Joseph Sweat and A. A. Bynum.

State and Associational Missions—Elder W. G. Thompson chairman, John Boveyman, H. M. Smith, B. F. Duncan, W. H. Jennings, R. H. Mason, H. C. Parker and N. W. Reeves.

Schools and Colleges—Bro. C. E. Stanley, chairman, W. L. Skinner, W. G. Thompson, W. A. Richardson, L. R. Burress, W. A. Davis, J. G. Kennedy, Jas. Smith and D. E. Glenn.

Literary and Publication Interests—Elder J. H. Taylor, chairman, J. T. Humphreys, J. M. Martin, C. E. Stanley, E.

F. Remines, W. A. Brewer, W. H. Bray, J. W. Mahaffey, and

D. W. Eaker.
Finance—Elder W. L. Skinner, chairman, M. Wilson,
W. H. Chandler, H. Hine, H. G. Savage, W. M. Henderson,

W. G. Bray, and T. F. Holt.

Sabbath-schools—Elder J. T. Harris, chairman, John Wright, E. T. Smith, A. J. Dalton, J. S. Young, and W. F. Elder.

State of Religion—Elder E. T. Smith, chairman, R. S. Holt, R. P. Gibson, C. C. Dalton. D. J. Harris, Thos. Marler, J. W. Edwards, T. M. Meeks, Wm. Gant, and E. T. Jones,

On Proper Observance of Sabbath—Elder W. M. Henderson, chairman, Wm. Parish, E. F. Romines, H. C. Parker, Thos. Meek, H. Hine, J. H. Byrd, Thos. Mouland, and D. R. Hooker.

The chair appointed following messengers to other relig-

ious bodies, to-wit:

Tippah Association, Friday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1884—Eldets J. H. Byrd, W. L. Skinner, W. G. Thompson, and Bro's. Jno. Boveyman, and W. L. Burrow.

Judson Association, Thursday before 2d Lord's day in September, 1884—L. R. Burress, E. T. Smith, W. L. Skinner,

J. W. Smith, and W. A. Smith.

Unity Association, Friday before 2d Lord's day September, 1884, at Adamsville, Tenn.—W. M. Henderson, J. H. Taylor, H. G. Savage, E. F. Romines, and N. W. Reeves.

Chickasaw Association, Union church, Friday before 3d Lords day September, 1884—L. R. Burress, and W. L. Skinner

Bear Creek, Friday before 2d Sabbath in October, 1883-

J. Skinner, H. S. Archer, and J. G. Kennedy.

Baptist State Convention, Kosciusko, Thursday before 4th Lord's day in July, 1884—L. R. Burress, W. L. Skinner, C. E. Stanley, E. T. Smith, Thos. Mecks, J. H. Taylor, J. W. Smith, J. D. Bills, R. C. Cates, D. Andrews, and W. B. Sandford.

Ripley Colored Association, Thursday, before 3d Sabbath October, Antioch church, 7 miles south Ripley, Miss.—W. L.

Skinner, and W. M. Henderson.

Booneville colored Association, to include 2d Sabbath Sentember—E, T. Smith, A. J. Dalton, J. G. Kennedy, J. W. Smith and W. F. Lewis.

The chair appointed the following committee on Nomina-

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Caylor, ey, E. tions of Executive Board, to-wit:

Elder L. R. Burrss, chairman, W. L. Burrow and M. Wilson, and after a short conference, committee reported as follows:

Your committee on Nominations recommend as Executive

B)ard ensuing year, the following brethren, to-wit:

Elder W. L. Skinner, chairman; Bro.'s J. W. Bumps, T. W. Jones, W. A. Davis, J. V. Alexander, Thos. M. Meeks and R. C. Cates, with Moderator and Clerk of this body, as exofficio members, and suggest that the Board be located at Boeneville, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. BURRESS, Chairman.

On motion, report adopted, and committee discharged. Committee on Devotional Exercises reported following appointments:

Elder H. L. Finley to preach to-morrow at 11 c'clock a.

m. at this place.

On motion, the regular order of business suspended and the body proceeded to the selection of time and place of meeting for next annual session of this body, and to select elder to preach Associational sermon, which resulted as follows: Time, Friday before 1st Lord's day in October, 1884. Place, Booneville, Prentiss county, Miss; Elder L. R. Burress to preach Associational sermon 11 o'clock a.m. Friday.

On motion, Elder Tom Brewhes, messenger Ripley colored Association, was invited to address this body in behalf of Beaver Dam High School (colored). After having made a short and earnest appeal in behalf of the education of his race. A collection was had for the school which resulted as follows:

Cash, \$11.75, book, \$5.00-\$16.75.

On motion, Association adjourned to 81 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

# SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Saturday Morniny 81 o'clock a.m., October 6, 1883. Association met pursuant to adjournment. Officers present as on yesterday. Prayer by Elder E. T. Smith.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

The chair appointed the following committee on Temperance, to-wit:

Elder J. Skinner, chairman, Thos. Mouland, J. G. Kenne-

dy, J. V. Alexander and J. H. Byrd.

Dr. M. P. Lowrey, of Tippah Association, and president Blue Mountain Female College, and Elder T. J. Walne, Secretary State Mission Board, were recognized and invited to seats in this body.

C. E. Stanley chairman of committee on Schools and Col-

leges submitted the following report:

# REPORT ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Schools and colleges are only a part of the means to attain the end-education. We all know and appreciate the importance of education, which should commence at the cradle and only terminate at the grave. Parents realize this, and hence all their energies are directed toward educating their children and preparing them for all the walks of life. realize this in attaining a wise and successful citizenship, they must foster a system of free public instruction, and some go so far as to adopt a system of compulsory educations. The parent who neglects his children will live to see them outstripped in the race of life. The nation which neglects some provision for the education of the masses, does not keep pace with the advance of civilization, and must make provisions for the support of paupers and criminals. So it is with the Baptist denomination of Mississippi. If we neglect the education of our ministry in this day of advanced thought, of great enterprises. of expanded ideas, and new developments. Our Baptist cause languishes, and we neglect a duty we owe not only to society, but to our God. We wish to emphasize the importance of, and our duty in calling loudly for an educated ministry-an educated Baptist ministry in Mississippi. The people are clamorous for it. The great and glorious Baptist denomination of Mississippi are preparing it, and the spirit of the times demand it.

We have ample facilities in the way of common schools, high schools and colleges, and we ought to impress upon our young ministers the importance of pressing "onward and upward" until they pass beyond the point of mediocrity, and then we ought to give them material aid in reaching this high standard. It also becomes us as parents and as a denomination, not to be unmindful of the fact that the school or college may

have much to do in shaping the future moral destiny of our children. Hence the morals of the school should be carefully considered. Among other schools and colleges of merit we can point with satisfaction to Bro. W. I. Gibson's school at Rienza, Miss., Blue Mountain Female College in Tippah county, Miss. The school presided over at Henderson, Tenn., by Bro. G. M. Savage—none of which though are denominational schools, and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and last but by no means least, Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., the pride of our denomination all over the State.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. STANLEY, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend each church to set apart one quarter of the year to contribute means to help Mississsppi College, and for ministerial education.

The report was warmly advocated in able speeches by Dr. Lowrey, T. J. Walne, L. R. Burress, C. E. Stanley and others and was adopted.

The bour for preaching having arrived, Elder H. L. Finley delivered an interesting sermon and the Association adjourned to 1 o'clock p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 1 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Elder J. S. Bovey.

Elder Wm. Henderson, chairman of committee on Proper Observance of Sabbath, submitted report as follows:

REPORT ON PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:
We recommend a true obedience to the divine command,
"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." This implies a
casai nof all socular labor, not of nocessity or in the interest
of charity or mercy, but devoting the day to rest, worship, religious reading and meditation. Visiting on Sunday should
only be indulged in for religious purposes, such as visiting the

sick, or for religious conversation and for moral and religious Too many seems to be content if they spend improvement. the day so as not to violate the laws of the State, even in disregard of the moral and religious requirements of the divine law. And instead of spending their time in religious duties, make it rather a day of recreation and pleasure. In these things christians should draw a plainer distinction between the church and the world. The open tendencies of the world is to make Sunday a day of pleasure, and the influence of all christians should be directed against the desecration of the day f om its spirit and purpose. We would close by saying "Train up the children in the way they should go.". Provoke them not to wrath but bring them up in the nurture of the Lord, teaching them especially to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Respectfully submitted, W. M. HENDERSON, Chairman,

After speeches by the chairman, Bovey, Savage, Bills and others of much interest, the report was adopted.

Elder W. G. Thompson, chairman of committee on State and Associational Missions submitted his report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Board is still making efforts to preach the gospel in the destitute places in our own State and East Louisiana and in the great city of New Orleans. Great success, has attended our work this year spiritually, but owing to the low prices for cotton and high prices for provisions last year, our finances have been cut off. Notwithstanding this the missionary spirit of our people is rising. Our State Board invites the cooperation of the Associations, and it is believed that this will have a tendency as nothing cise wil', to uni e our people all over the State into one grand army for Christ. This is true as to the work in our own bounds; those churches that are helping in the work feel that they are one in spreading the gospel in our own bounds; we are more united as brethren because of the work. We have, during the last year, been co-operating with our State Board, and we hope that the work may continue, We cordially invite the Secretary of our State Board to visit our churches and take collections for the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, an earnest, eloquent and powewful address was made in behalf of State Missions by T. J. Walne, Secretary, and the sum of even hundred dollars was asked for from the bounds of this Association, when the following resolution was offered and adopted in connection with this report:

Whereas, The State Mission Board asks for \$15,000.00 from the churches for the present conventional year, and,

Whereas, The churches of this Association are requested to raise \$700.00 for State Missions. Therefore,

Resolved. That we, as pastors and members representing the churches in this Association do hereby pledge the State Mission Board and each other that we will make an earnest effort to raise the amount asked for by the Board.

2d, That Bro. W. L. Skinner be appointed to aid the Secretary of the State Board in collecting this money.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented the fol-

To-night (Saturday) Elder J. Skinner to preach at Shiloh charch, Elder J. H. Berd at Lebanon church.

To-moreow (Sunday, 11 a.m.) Dr. M. P. Lowrey at Shlon, Elder H. G. Savage at Lebanon, and Elder J. S. Bovey at Kossuth.

At night, Elder L. R. Burress at Shiloh, Elder E. T. Smith at Lebanon,

Elder J. M. Horton, from Toppale Association, was recognized and invited to a seat with this body.

On motion, Association aljourned to Monday morning

## THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, Si o'clock, a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder Wm. M. Henderson reading SJ Psaim and singing "Savior more than life to me," by the congregation.

Prayer by Elder G. H. Savage.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. S. Bovey, a committee was mised to revise the rules of order and coverant.

The chair appointed Elder J. S. Bovey, chairman, with Bro.'s Parker and Calvery, who, after a short deliberation, reported the following amendments, which were adopted and committee discharged, to-wit:

Article 5, Bules of Order, strike out the words, "the same"

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Article 8 of Covenant, strike out "five" and insert "seven" therefor.

Article 11, strike out the word "and," after Associatio al sermons, and put in lieu thereof, "the Association."

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BOVEY, Chairman.

Eld. L. R. Burress, chairman, submitted report on Foreign Missions as follows:

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our annual reports on this subject, it is feared, are regarded more as a usual custom than as a matter of vital interest. If we are truly convicted of the condemnation of the heathen, we should let ourselves be persuaded "to walk by faith," and not by a useless tradition.

However, these yearly exhortations of duty to these benighted people have given us here a little and there a great deal, until we can believe that the Lord intends to give the heathen as an inheritance to his son. Let us of this missionary Association "go up" with the Lord's army "to pessess the land,"

For particulars in reference to the management, strength, activity and success of our foreign work, the committee would refer to the annual reports of Dr. Tupper, Sec'ty of F. M. B., S. B. C., and urge the regular reading of the Foreign Mission Journal. We recommend that the Association assume the apportionment that has been suggested as her part of the \$8,000 requested of our State for this work. We further recommend that each church a lopt some plan by which every member can be induced to make a contribution of at least one dime. This much and even more will cheerfully be given when it is remembered that the Savior did so much for us in the gift of himself, and by his divine providences saving us from the darkness and superstition of heathenism.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. BURRESS, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of this report, quite effective speeches were made by brethren L. R. Burress, J. H. Taylor and

others, and the report was adopted.

Elder J. H. Taylor, chairman committee on Literary and Publication interests, submitted his report, which was discussed by Elders W. L. Skinner, Thompson and others, and adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATY AND PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

Your committee ask leave to report:

1st, That as there is a vast amount of unholy reading matter that is pernicious in its influence before the public, that it is to be regretted that our religious literature is not more widely circulated and read than it is. Hence we earnestly recommend that we all take more interest in circulating and reading our papers and periodicals; let truth confront error and the good have a fair chance with the bad.

2d, While there are many good papers such as the "Baptist," "Herald," "Index" and "Recorder" that would do great good if circulated and read, we especially recommend the "Record" as our State paper, and "Kind Words," for Sundayschools, and the "Little Missionary," published by Bro. Hall.

Let these be widely circulated and closely read.

3d, We also recommend the publications of the Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, and that we get our Sunday-school literature from our missionary, Bro. Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TAYLOR, Chairman. Llder E. T. Smith, chairman of committee on the State of Religion, submitted report as follows:

### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on the State of Religion last year reported a manifestation of a revival spirit in the churches. We rejoice to say that in many of our churches this year there have been great revivals with a large ingathering of new converts, and that our Association has gained more strength this year than any preceding year of her existence. The spirit of missions is much in advance of other years; indeed nearly all are taking part in this work. Our letters report 224 baptisms. God grant that our cause may continue to prosper and that we may still see better days for our Zion. God be praised for his loving kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMITH, Chairman.

After an earnest and pathetic speech by Elder H. G. Savage, the report was adopted.

Elder J. Skinner, chairman of committee on Temperance,

submitted the following report:

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### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are happy to report that our people are waking up on this subject, but we are not as fully awake as we should be; we owe it to our children, to the church or cause of Christ, and to the world, to take a firm an I decided stand against intemperance. We mean by this that we should not touch, taste or handle the unclean thing. As parents, as christians and as c tizens, we should not encourage in any way the use of liquor as a beverage. We should refuse to elect men to office who favor the whisky business; we should never allow our names to appear on whisky petitions. It is dangerous to the present and future generations for us in any way to encourage this terrible traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SKINNER, Chairman.

During the discussion of this report the following resolution was offered as an amendment to report, which was adopted, and the report as a whole was then adopted, to-wit:

By L. R. Burress:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that it is a reproach upon the christian character and standing of any church member to allow his name to appear upon a whisky petition.

Elder T. J. Harris, chairman of committee on Sabbathschools, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

### REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools submit the following report:

As far as we can learn, there is a growing interest in our Association as to Sunday-schools. This is an omen of good. For, in the judgment of your committee, there is nothing save the preached gospel that wields such a powerful influence as does the Sunday-school. We believe that every neighborhood and especially every church, ought to have a Sabbath-school, and that every church member ought to be a teacher or pupil of the same.

We would urge the importance of Sanday-schools by s ing that we emphatically believe a Sanday-school to be a cessity to the proper development in every church. There we most heartily recommend and urge the establishments Sunday-schools, and the proper conducting of the same, in of the churches throughout this Association, where no sch exists. We recommend to your confidence as Sunday-sch literature, Kind Words, and Little Gem, published at Mac Ga. Also the Sunday-school literature of the Baptist Pul cation society at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully sul mitted,

J. T. HARRIS, Chairman

Elder W. L. Skinner submitted his report as chairman Finance.

Your committee on Finance report the following amount received, to-wit.

For Minutes .. ......\$41 State Missions...... 46 Foreign Missions..... 41 Home Missions..... 8

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Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SKINNER, Chairman.

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### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board at a meeting held at Booneville January, 1883, in connection with the State Mission Board employed Elder W. G. Thompson for the year beginning Janu ary 1st, 1883, for his whole time at a salary of five hundre dollars, which your Board agreed to pay.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SKINNER, Chairman,

J. W. SMITH, Sec'y and Treas'.

On motion, report adopted.

Elder J. S. Berry submitted the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of their duties and to the good people of this vicinity, for their hospitality in ols by saybe a ne-Taerefore fiments of me, in all no school lay-school at Macon, st Publi-

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d to the duties, ality in entertaining delegates and visitors during this meeting. And that the Clerk be allowed the sum of ten dollars out of money collected for minutes, for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BERRY, Chairman.

Acopted,

The Minutes were then approved.

The chair then announced that the business of the Association was finished, and after very appropriate remarks by Elder G. H. Savage, a parting bymn was sung and the hand of christian fellowship extended. And after prayer by Elder Savage, the chair announced the session closed, to meet in annual session at the time and place designated.

J. D. BILLS, Moderator.

J. W. SMITH, Clerk.

(The meeting of this body was the most harmonious session that I have ever witnessed.—J. W. S., Clerk.)

Service on Sunday.

Dr. M. P. Lowrey-Shilon, "The fool has said in his heart there is no God."

Elder H. G. Savage-Lebanon, Psalms 84:11.

Elder J. S. Bovey-Kossuth, Cor. 2-8:7.

Elder L. R. Burress,-Shiloh at night, "Why do Baptist

Elder E. T. Smith—Lebanon at night, "Righteousness of

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

For year ending October 5, 1883.

To cash received for minutes former Association, \$34.30.

### FOREIGM MISSIONS.

Booneville church, \$5.25; Baldwin church, \$34: Cane Creek, \$3.85; Kossuth, \$11; Meadow Creek, \$4; Oak Grove, \$2.60; Shiloh, \$16; W. G. Dixon \$5; J. H. Hines \$1; Jennie and Annie Burress 75 cents; Union \$3; Elder A. Butler, (blind) 5 cents; Cash 25 cents; Total \$86.95.

### STATE MISSIONS.

Booneville \$23; Baldwyn \$55.55; Brush Creek \$1.1 Corinth \$5; Farmington \$7.10; Hinkle Creek \$10.20; K suth \$66.75; Mt. Olive \$20.55; Mt. Pleasant \$5; Mead Creek \$1.85; Osborne Creek \$4; Rienza \$29.50; Shiloh \$2 55; Tuscumbia \$3.15; Union \$4.25; Gaston \$6; Cash \$2 85; Total \$284.45.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Baldwin church \$14; Booneville \$1; Mrs. Taylor cents; Mrs. H. Hines \$1.25; Misses Jennie and Annie Bress 75 cents; Total \$17.25.

### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Baldwin church \$10.00,

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Baldwin church \$8.75.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Baldwin church \$5; Total \$446.70.

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Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH, Treasurer

October 15th, 1883.

### MISSIONARY REPORT.

Report of G. W. Thompson, missionary and colporteur of Tishomingo Baptist Association for 1883.

Kossuth, Miss., October 1st, 1883.

According to instruction we have spent a greater part of our time in visiting our churches; in the spring we commenced our work by visiting all the churches that we could, and tried to interest them in our work. Wherever we went, the brethren seemed to take hold of the work. Our Executive Board thought that we could not do a better thing or a grander work than to interest each member of each church in our work, that all might feel that it was truly their work, this we did in every way we could. Some of the pastors gave assistance in this part of the work, but the pastors should do more in this work and give

your missionary more time for his work.

We were hindered from the work by sickness for some time in the spring but since that time we have been almost constantly in protracted meetings, we assisted pastor Savage in a meeting in which there were over one hundred conversions; then Bro. Byrd in a meeting in which there were twenty-two conversions again in which there were ten or more, then with Bro. Skinner where we had ten or twelve, thence we went to one of our stations, occupied by Bro. Skinner for us, where we organized a church of thirty-one members to which was added eleven, making forty-two members; this promises to be a large church in a good community; thence we came home to lead our children to Christ if possible. The Lord blessed his work here; some thirteen professed conversion. From this place we went to one of our stations for the purpose of re-oganizing our little church known as the Little Brown Creek church; this is the community that we left last year because they would not build or repair their house. Since that time they have built them a good house, and we re-organized a church of ten members on the 30th of September. We think our cause should be maintained here ; this is a place or country of large destitution fifteen miles southeast of Booneville. No Baptist preaching in a large scope of country here. The Lord has blessed our work in all the meetings in which we have been engaged; there have been some one hundred and seventy-three souls converted to Christ. Two churches organized, over two hundred families visited, 1,560 miles traveled, a large number of pages of tracts distrib-

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uted. Our colportage work could not be what we desired as we did not have books or money with which to buy them. We have furnished money ourself and bought and sold a few books. Some \$90,00 worth in all. We have suffered many inconveninces because our salary for last year was not paid. Our State Board got behind and we could not pay, so we have suffered in consequence of it. For this year our salary has not been paid so as to relieve us of embarassment. If you wish your missionary to do efficient work untramel him entirely. There is large destitution in our bounds; a number of weak churches that need help all along our eastern boundary almost entire destitution; one man can not do the work that is needed. On the west and north there is work enough for one man. Two good men are needed in this work in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

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## UNION MEETING

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## FIRST DISTRICT.

Osborn Creek church, Thursday before last Sunday in July, 1884.

Eld. L. R. Burress to preach introductory sermon, H. S. Archer, alternate.

### ESSAYS PROPOSED

- 1. Eld. L. R. Burress-Is the doctrine of predestination and election limited? and if so to what extent?
  - 2. Eld. E. T. Smith-Man's Agency.
  - 3. J. W. Burress-Utilty of the revised Scriptures.
  - 4. J. H. McGee-Who was Melchisidee?
  - 5. A. C. Vandiver-Fall of Man.

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- 6. J. V. Alexander-Redemption-What is it?
- 7. W. P. McGee- Duty of Deacons.
- 8. Eld. H. S. Archer-What did the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egyptian bonage typify.
  - 9. W. A. Davis-Possibility of final apostacy.
  - 10. A. J. Evans -The Sacrament of the Lords Supper.
- 11. A. J. Dalton-Duties of church memb r, to Pastors
  12. W. F. Lewis-Essential prerequisites to preaching
  the Gospel.
- 13. H. A. Teunison-Duties of attending Union Meetings.
- 14. J. P. Povall-Will these identical bodies of ours be resurrected.
  - 15. S. D. Chapman-Exegesis, John 3:5
  - 16. J. A. Jones-1st John 5:18.

## UNION MEETING

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### SECOND DISTRICT.

Union Meeetings of Second District meets with Tuseumbia church' Thursday before 1st Lord's day in August, 1884.

Elder J. H. Byrd to preach introductory sermon, W. L. Skinner, alternate.

### ESSAYS CALLED FOR.

J. H. Taylor-Reflex Influence of Missions.

J. D. Bills-The work of Deacons.

W. G. Thompson-Call to Ministry.

J. M. Martin-Utility of the Sabbath-school.

W. L. kinner-The training of young members of the

John W. Thompsou-How to conduct the music of the church.

Thos. Meeks-The Lords Supper.

E. F. Romines-Feet washing in the Church.

T. H. Underwood—Ministerial Support. B. F. Taylor—Exegesis on John iii:5 v.

H. M. Conn-Duty of Church Members to inform them-

Z. T. Ferrill-Who should be the Pastor of the Churches?

### RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

The Mo lerator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a ques-

tion. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been to en up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by year and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members rising.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal

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6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

 Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered unless it be laid over, upon motion, with the consent of the mover

of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain

permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these unless shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary. Adopted in 1860, at the formation of the Association, and afterwards ratified by

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent caurches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, und r the title of The Tishomingo Baptist Association.

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates ch sen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, and dismissed by letter, excluded and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday-school pupils, number of teachers and number conversions; amounts contributed for Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministeral Education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements and

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every

When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the

5. Other churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish

by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as becomes heretical in doc-

trine or disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members elected annually, and the Moderator and therk, whose, duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct, and to take oversight of all issions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

9. We will correspond with sister Association.

10. We will have our minutes read corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. and will not adjourn except in extraordinary

11. We will, while convened, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach the next Associational sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to this covenant as two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

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Booneville	Booneville	W L Skinner	J V Alexander, J P Povall and J W Smith James Jenkin, Joseph Rogers and J W Burn
BaldwynBrush Creek	Baldwyn	J S Berry J H Byrd	John Berryman, H M Smith and B F Duncu
Cane Creek		J H Taylor	W F Greeley, W H Bray and W A Brewer.
Chewalla	Chewalla	B F Taylor	J W Mahaffey and D W Eakor
Corinth	Corinth	M P Lowrey	CE Stanley, J D Bills, J M Martin and J T H
Farmington.	"	J H Taylor	E F Romines, J H Taylor and Wm Currey
Glendale	"	Thomas Harris	M Wilson, W W Chandler and H Hine
Grston	Booneville	W L Skinner	W H Jennings, R H Mason and H C Parker
Hinkle's Creek	Rienzi	W M Henderson	H G Savage, Wm Henderson, W G Bray an
Kossuth	Kossnth	W L Skinnner	W L Skinner, W G Thompson and W A Ric
	Geeville	L R Burress	L R Burress, W A Davis and W P Magee
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Meadow Creek	Booneville	E T Smith	E T Smith, Jno Wright and Perry Duncan.
New Salem	Burnsville	J H Taylor	J Skinner, A J Counce and R Anderson
Osborne Creek	Booneville	G H Savage	A J Dalton, W F Elder and J S Young
Oak Grove	Chewalla	W C Butler	Thos Moreland, J H Smith, Wm J Smith,
Piney Grove	Rienzi	G H Sayage	A D Hunt, T S Yarborough, J W Melton
Rienzi	"		R S Holt, CC Dalton and Willie Sorrell
Shiloh	Kossuth		T M Meeks, Wm Gant, E T Jones
Shady Grove	Corinth	J T Harris	D J Harris. Thos Mader and J W Edwards.
	Cartersville		J H Elledge, M Stephens and J Edwards
	Theo	W C Butler	W J Moss, G W Willingham and Wm Hive
Union	Kossuth	J H Byrd	J H Byrd, J G Gibson and W J Calvery
Union Grove	Burnt Mills	J Skinner	I. H Barnett and Wm Glasgow

Burnsville, no report since last year; total membership, 39. Bethel, no report since last year; total membership, 60. Jericho, no report since last year; total membership, 26. Liberty Hill, no report since last year; total membership, 31; amount sent up for minutes, 40 cents. Mount Providence, no report since last year; total membership, 38. Providence, no report since last year, total membership,

# ICAL TABLE.

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### TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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## TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Friday, October 3rd, 1884. FIRST DAY-Morning Session.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual session of the Tishomingo Baptist Association met with Booneville church at Booneville, Prentiss county, Miss., Friday, 10 o'clock, a.m., before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1884.

Brother Jno. D. Bills, Moderator, and J. W. Smith, Clerk. The Association was called to order by the chair, and after a short time spent in devotional exercises, proceeded to business.

The chair appointed Elder W. G. Thompson and Brother W. A. Richardson reading clerks, when the following churches were represented by letter and delegates:

Booneville, Baldwyn, Brush Creek, Cane Creek, Chewalla, Gasten, Hinkle Creek, Kossuth, Mt. Olive, Meadow Creek, Osborne Creek, Oak Grove, Shiloh, Spring Hill, Tuscumbia, Union, Union Grove, Iuka, Liberty Hill, Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Hebron.

A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to per-

The ballot being announced, Brother Jno. D. Bills was deplared elected Moderator, and J. W. Smith Clerk.

The chair appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—Jno. Wright, chm'n., with T. J. McDonald. D. T. Beale and the pastor and deacons of this church.

State of Religion—Elder E. T. Smith, chm'n., with Elder J. H. Byrd. W. M. Henderson, J. P. Poyall, and Bro's. M. D. Grav and Joseph Rogers.

Proper Observance of Sabbath—Brother J. W. Burress, chm'n., with Elders W. G. Thompson, B. H. Taylor, and Bro's, Geo, Walton, E. T. Jones.

The following brethren were recognized as representing other bodies, and invited to seats with as:

Elders H. L. Finley and J. M. Horton-Tippah Associa-

Elder A. B. Smith-Judson Association.

On motion, the hour for preaching the Associational sermon was postponed to 7 o'clock p. m., and the Association took a recess till 2 o'clock p.m.

### EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock p.m. Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder W. G. Thompson.

The following letters were presented and read and delegates received, viz:

Rienzi, Antioch, Jericho, Mt. Gillead, Sardis and Mt. Providence.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:
1st. Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.

2nd. Appoint committees.

3d. Appoint messengers to other religious bodies.

4th. Call for reports.

5th. Elect Executive Board.

6th. Appoint time and place for next session of this body and elect elder to preach Associational sermon.

.7th. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

On call for correspondence and inviting visiting brethren to seats, Elder J. B. Gambrell, editor Baptist Record. and representing interest of Mississippi College, Elder J. B. Moody, editor Baptist Gleaner, Fulton, Ky., Elder Jno. West, corresponding missionary Unity Association, Tenn., Brother

Calvin Tucker, Chickasaw Association, were recognized and invited to seats.

The chair appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions-W, L. Skinner chm'n., with brethren Jno. Wright, A. M. Petty, C. H. Bridges and H, G. Williams.

School and Colleges-Elder H. S. Archer chm'n., with brethren T. H. Underwood, Thos. Holt, and F. Sweat.

State and Associational Missions—Elder W. G. Thompson chm'n., with Elder A. C. Vandiver and brethren S. T. Carpenter, G. W. Bishop and C. E. Stanley:

Literary and Publication interests—Elder L. R. Burress chm'n., with brethren T. J. McDonald, D. R. Barrett, J. T.

Killough and J. P. Butler.

Finance—Brethren D. T. Beall chm'n., W. L. Burrow and M. L. Waters.

Sabbath-schools—Elder W. M. Henderson chm'n, with brethren W. E. Thomas, Clifton Hooker and N. C. Glover.

Temperance—Elder J. H. Taylor chm'n., with brethren J. D. Chapman, J. D. Fairless, W. T. Jones, and Elder Thos. Harris.

The chair then appointed the following messengers to other

religious bodies, to-wit:

Tippah Association—Friday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1885, New Prospect church, Benton county, Miss., 9 miles south-west Falkner station.—Elders J. H. Byrd, J. T. Killough and brother W. L. Burrow.

Judson Association—Thursday before 3d Lord's day in September, 1885, with Centre Hill church, 4 miles east of Tupelo, Miss.—Elders L. R. Burress, A. C. Vandiver and brethren

J. D. Bills and W. E. Thomas.

Unity Association—Saturday before 2d Lord's day in September, 1885, with Clover Creek church, 2 miles south of Macon, Tenn.—Elders W. L. Skinner, B. H. Taylot, J. H. Byrd, H. G. Savage and brother C. E. Stanley.

Chickasaw Association—Mt. Pleasant church, near Wallerville, Union county, Miss., Friday below 3d Lord's day in September, 1885.—Elder A. J. Evans, M. L. Waters and R.

C. Huckaby.

Bear Creek Association—Time and place not given.—Bro. W. H. Glasgow and Elders B. H. Taylor and T. R. Willett. Baptist State Convention—Friday before 4th Sabbath in

July. 1885, Aberdeen, Miss.—Elder W. L. Skinner J. H. Taylor, H. S. Archer, W. G. Thompson, E. T. Smith, L. R. Burress and B. H. Taylor, with brethren C. E. Stanley, Thos. Holt, A. W. Petty and J. W. Smith.

Ripley Colored Association—Thursday before 3d Sabbath in October, 1885. Place not yet given-Elder L. R. Burress,

brethren T. W. Jones and Thos. J. McDonald.

Booneville Association, (col)—With Osborne Creek, colored church, to include 2nd Sabbath in September, 1885.—Breth-Jos. Rogers, J. T. Killough, R. E. Holt, and Elder E. T.

The following churches presented letters and were represented by delegates: Farmington, Corinth and Shady Grove.

The following churches were admitted to the Association by petitionary letters and delegates, and the right hand of fellowship extended: Conns Chappel and Rocky Mount.

Elder E. T. Smith, chairman committee on State of Religion, submitted report, and after a most interesting discussion by Elders Thompson, Skinner, Gambrell and Byrd, and Bro's. C. E. Stanley, Underwood and others, the report was adopted.

## REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Yeur committee reported last year an unusual revival and greater ingathering than in any former year. From inforation gathered from the letters of the churches read before this body, a still greater manifestation of God's goodness is given and the interest in the cause of our zion continues. Many conversions are reported and sinners are inquiring about the way of life. Our letters report 236 baptisms. May the good Lord continue with us and bless us, and may we be more abundantly revived. The whitened fields ready for the harvest are still before us. Lord help us, and God be praised for his goodness.

Respectfully submitted, E. T. SMITH, Chm'n.

Committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following appointment: Elder L. R. Burress to preach associational sermon in this house to-night. Elder H. S. Archer same house to-morrow, at 11 o.clock.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock tomorrow morning.

### SECOND DAY

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8½ o'clock a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder A. C. Vandiver Brother B. M. Connor. corresponding messenger Tippah Association, was recognized. The following letters were then read and delegates admitted: Iuka, New Salem and Piney Grove.

On motion, the following special order was made. Report on Temperance to be taken up at 10 a.m., and State and As-

sociational report at 3 o'clock p.m.

The chair then called for reports, when brother J. W. Burress presented his report on the proper observance of Sabbath, which elicited quite an interesting discussion, participated in by Elders L. R. Burress, W. L. Skinner, J. B. Gambrell and J. B. Moody and others. On motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON PROPER OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH.

In six days, God created the Heavens and the earth, and on the seventh he rested and hallowed it, and commanded us to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

We would call attention that resting from labor is not observing the command from a Divine stand-point, but to keep

it holy.

We suggest and urge that Baptists take a higher stand on this subject. God anciently never blessed Israel when his day was not honored. We have this faith, that if we, as a denomination and a people would honor the Sabbath as God has told us in his word, and bring in the tithes, we would cease complaining of weak churches, low state of religion, poor missionaries, etc., but our God would pour out a blessing that would make us thank and praise him for his goodness.

We recommend that each pastor prepare and preach at least one sermon on this subject to each of his congregations during

the year.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BURRESS, Chm'n.

Elder J. H. Taylor, chairman committee on Temperance,

submitted the following report, which was earnestly advocated by the chairman of committee, Elder H. S. Archer. J. B. Gambrell, J. B. Moody, Rev. E. L. Spraggins, Prof. J. W. Johnson and others, in able speeches, and on motion a rising vote was had and the report unanimously adopted.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance respectfully ask the associations to adopt the following report:

Whereas the use of intoxicating beverages has become a great national sin and we are firmly convinced that the liquer

traffic is a great evil, and

WHEREAS, the present crisis in the temperance reform demandsla special and outspoken avowal of our principles and position, therefore,

Resolved 1st. That as Baptists and as the body known as the Tishomingo Baptist Association, we propose to again place

ourselves on record on this subject.

2d. That we raise our uncompromising protest against the use, manufacture of sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, against the renting of property for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, the selling of the fruits and cereals to be manufactured inio this beverage, the signing of whisky petitions or going on bonds of liquor sellers, and against the giving countenance in any way to the iniquitious traffic or use.

3d. That the ministers and laymen are requested to take a stand in the present temperance movement and openly urge in all legitimate ways, all unceasing warfare against the atrocious liquor business and the pernicious evils of intemper-

ance.

4th. That we will prosecute the work of temperance reform. by the exercises of our privileges as citizens and church mem-

5th. That the cause of Christ is greatly injured by churches retaining in their fellowship whisky-sellers, whisky-drinkers, and visitors of saloons and signers of petitions to sell whisky, and those who persist in lending their influence to Satan in these ways should be brought under church discipline.

6th. That we will use our influence to secure the enforcement of the existing statutes in regard to the traffic in intoxicating beverages and that we will endeavor to bring about

prohibition as soon as practicable. That we believe:

1st. That the most effectual legal remedy for the manifold evils of intemperance is constitutional prohibition.

2d. The licensed liquor traffic to be the enemy of the

church, a disgrace to civilization and humanity.

3d. We believe it to be our duty to support for office such candidates as are in favor of Temperance reform, other things being equal.

7th, That we rejoice at the progress of legal prohibition in

our State and throughout the United States,

Respectfully submitted.

J H. TAYLOR, Chm'n.

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The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Moderator then announced that the business of the Association was finished and after an impressive and pathetic address by Elder L. R. Burress, a parting hymn was sung and with much feeling the hand of Christian fellowship was extended, and prayer was then offered by Elder W. G. Thompson, after which the chair announced the session closed, to meet in annual session at time and place designated.

J. D. BILLS, Moderator.

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### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE ROARD.

Dear Brethren:—Your Board had a meeting immediately after the last session of your body, and in connection with the State Mission Board, employed Elder W. G. Thompson for his whole time as missionary, in the bounds of this association. He has been in the field supplying weak churches and preaching in communities where there was no Baptist churches or preaching. The Lord's blessing has been upon his labors. He has been supplying Gaston church and in a meeting of days held with that church, seventy-six persons professed faith in Christ. One church six miles north of Corinth, has been constituted. This church will need help another year. It is in a good neighborhood and we hope to build up a strong church. There are other churches that need help and several neighborhoods destitute of preaching.

In addition to Brother Thompson's preaching, he has dis-

tributed Bibles, testaments, tracts. hymn books and other good books. He visits families and talks and prays with them. His salary is \$1.371 per day, or \$500 a year. We append herewith his report. Your Board asks the prayers and co-operation of all the churches in this Association. We are behind with our missionary on this year's salary, and we recommend that a public collection be taken to aid in this work.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. SKINMER, Chm'n.

Resolved, That we continue co-operation with State Mission
Board of Baptist State Convention.
Adopted.

Report of Rev. W. G. Thompson for the months beginning 1st day of October, 1883, and ending 1st day of October,

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Respectfully submitted, W. G. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

For year ending October 3d, 1884.

To chairman of Executive Board of Tisheminge Baptist

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Respectfully submitted, J. W. SMITH, Chm'n.

Note.—Some churches report in their letters collections that were not paid me. I presume that payments were made to Brother Ball or Thompson, and not reported to me, or forwarded to Brother Tupper. I only report such as passed through my hands, or receipts were shown as to disbursements. Churches or pastors should show receipts to Clerk at annual sessions of Associations, and these would be incorporated in report. This accounts for difference in letters and Treasurer's report.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

### EVENING SESSION.

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Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W. M. Henderson.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the selection of time and place of meeting for next annual session of this body, and to select Elder to preach association sermon, which resulted as follows:

Time-Friday before 1st Lords day in October, 1885.

Place—Union church, Alcorn county, Miss., nine miles west of Rienzi, Miss.; 61 miles south of Kossuth.

Elder W. G. Thompson was elected to preach Association sermon. Elder E. T. Smith, alternate.

Elder L. R. Burress, chairman of committee on Literary and Publication interest, submitted the following report which was ably supported in a short speech by Elder J. B. Gambrell, and on motion, adopted.

### REPORT ON LITERARY AND PUBLICATION INTEREST.

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1st. That as there is a vast amount of unholv reading matter that is pernicious in its influence before the public, that it is to be regretted that our religious literature is not more widely circulated and read than it is. Hence we earnestly recommend that we all take more interest in circulating and reading our papers and periodicals: let truth confront error and the good have a fair chance with the bad.

2d. While there are many good papers such as the "Baptist," "Herald," "Index," "Gleaner" and "Recorder," that would do great good if circulated and read, we especially recommend the "Record" as our State paper, and "Kind Words" for Sanday-schools, and the "Little Missionary."

Let these be widely circulated and closely read.

3d. We also recommend the publications of the Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

4th. We recommend the publication of the minutes of this Association in sufficient numbers for general distribution.

Respectfully submitted, L. R. BURRESS, Chm'n.

Elder W. G. Thompson, chairman Committee of Association and State Missions submitted his report as follows:

### ASSOCIATIONAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

We beg leave to submit that this work needs more interest on our part. Some of our chnrches are awake, but others are not, a large majority are on the latter side.

Whom shall we blame for this? Let us consider, the work is vast, our field is too large for one missionary, but we cannot have more unless our slumbering churches are aroused by

this Association.

We agreed last year to raise seven hundred dollars for the work, but there is a deficit. What shall we do? Our State work needs help. Shall we arise and possess the land, or shall the field be abandoned. If we mean to keep alive the work begun, we must be more zealous, and more earnest about it. We must give our missionary men in the field not only our sympathies and our prayers, but also must beget a spirit of co-operation among our churches and contribute material as well as spiritual aid for this cause.

Respectfully submitted. W. G. THOMPSON, Chm'n.

A most interesting discussion was drawn out by the reading of this report, and earnest and able speeches in support of its adoption, participated in by Elders W. G. Thompson, W. L. Skinner, H. L. Finley, J. H. Taylor and others, and the report was adopted.

The committee on Devotional exercises reported the follow-

ing programme;

Sunday-school mass meeting, 9 o'clock a, m., to-morrow in this church, and an invitation tendered the Sunday-schools of

Elder J. H. Taylor to preach in this house to-night.

Elder J. B. Gambrell to preach in this house 11 o'clock a. m', to-morrow.

Elder J. B. Moody to preach at Methodist house same hour.

Elder H. S. Archer to preach at Methodist house to-morrow night.

Elder J. B. Moody to preach at Baptist house to-morrow night.

Association then adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

### THIRD DAY.

Monday morning, October 6th.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock,

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Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W. M. Henderson, after which the chair announced the body ready for business.

On motion, a committee on Nominations was raised and the chair appointed as such committee, brethren W. A. Richardson, Thos. Holt and C. C. Dalton, who, after a short conference submitted the following:

Your committee on Nominations recommend as Executive Board for the ensuing year, the following brethren, to-wit:

Elder W. L. Skinner, chairman, with Elder J. H. Taylor and brethren D. T. Beall, T. F. Holt, T. W. Jones, J. W. Burress and C. E. Stanley, with Moderator and Clerk of this body as ex-officio members, and suggest that the Board be located at Kossuth and Booneville.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. RICHARDSON, Chm'n.

On motion, report was adopted and committee discharged. Flder H. S. Archer chairman committee on Schools and Colleges submitted his report as follows:

### SCHOOLS AND COLLGES.

Your committee on Schools and Colleges beg leave to report the following:

With pride can we say of our schools and colleges as was said of the State of religion, that they are in a prosperous condition. The churches to some extent seem to have awakened to the importance of an educated ministery, and our young ministers are pressing through college. And in this the churches should give heed. The world moves, and in an educational sense, we Baptists must keep progress with the age, if we would have our cause to prosper. Not only should our ministers be competent to meet sin an error in its most hideous and mystified form, but the education of our boys and girls

must not be lost sight of. As a nation advances in education and civilization, poverty and crime diminishes. We have ample facilities in the way of common schools and colleges. And let the idea of what our boys and girls are to have fade into insignificance, compared with what our boys and girls are to be. Among other schools and colleges of merit, we point with pride and satisfaction to those of Rienzi and Blue Mountain, neither of which are denominational schools,

The Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky and Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., are in a healthy condition and afford ample facilities for the education of our young ministers. Clinton College should be the centre around which the educational interest of the denomination of the

State should cluster.

Respectfully submitted, H. S. ARCHER, Chm'n.

Able arguments in support of this report were made by Elders Gambrell, Burress, Archer and others, and on motion,

the report was adopted :

Elder W. L. Skinner, chairman of committee on Foreign Missions, submitted his report. Pending the adoption of this report an able speech in advocacy of Sister Sanford's missions, was made by Elder J. B. Gambrell, and after prayer conducted by Elder W. L. Skinner, a collection was had amounting to \$12.75 for Sister Sanford, and the report was adopted as follows:

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There is no doctrine in the Bible emphasized more than missions. It is taught from the first chapter of Genesis to the last one of Revelations, Onr Savior was sent on the mission of redemption to man, and he said, "As the father sent me even so send I you." There is no limit to this field. wherever there is a soul, there is need of salvation; for man cannot be saved without the gospel. "There is no other name given among men or under heaven whereby we must be saved." The savior said. "Go teach all nations," "Go into

all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." "But how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? If the church is faithful to the command, she must have the gospel preached to the perishing in the region beyond. The Foreign fields are open to the gospel and white for the harvest. Our missionaries are succeeding in winning souls to Christ in proportion to their number and the amount of money expended beyond any ministers in this country.

Bro. E. Z. Simmons writes hopefully of his field in China. Bro. J. H. Eager is encouraged in his work in Italy. Bro. David feels that Africa can and must be saved through Christ. And no field has more rapidly developed than Mexico under the leadership of brethren Powell and Westrup. Good news comes almost with every mail that South America is yielding to the gospel of Christ. The Macedonian is coming daily to us for help. Our success in the work bids us go forward. The example of the Apostolic churches says: The world for Jesus, and the Savior says, "fear not little flock for it is your

Your committee therefore recommend that each pastor and minister in this Association preach on this department of missions and urge and take a collection from each of the churches, and that each church do her duty in assisting the Association to raise her pro rata of the eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to be contributed by the State Convention. Also the reading of the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond,

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Respectfully submitted, W. L. SKINNER, Chm'n.

On motion of Bro. C. E. Stanley, a committee on Obituaries was raised and the chair appointed the following committee:

Brethren C. E. Stanley, chairman, W. E. Thomas and Thos. Holt, and that said committee stand for one year.

Elder W. M. Henderson submitted the following report on Sabbath-schools, which was discussed with interest and adopted.

Your committee on Sunday-schools submit the sollowing

report : 4

As far as we can learn there is a growing interest in our Association in regard to Sunday-schools. This is an omen of good. For, in the judgment of your committee, there is nothing except the preached gospel that wields so powerful an influence as the Sunday-school. We believe that each neighborhood, and especially each church, should have a Sunday-school, and that every member ought to be a teacher or pupil of the same.

Respectfully submitted. W. M. HENDERSON, Chm'n.

Bro. C. E, Stanly submitted the following memorial re-

port :

We, your committee on Obituaries, hereby present to your body a statistical report showing a list of our departed brothers and sisters during the past Associational year who were members in good standing of the churches belonging to this Association. We have been unable to obtain a complete list, this we gathered from the memory of delegates and brethren.

While our work is not for the dead (for "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.") but for the advancement and propagation of God's kingdom among the living; yet we should not be unmindful of the good example and worthy deeds of our faithful brethren and sisters in the Tishomingo Baptist Association that have passed over the river,

We therefore recommend that all the churches append a list of their dead in their letters to the Association, g.ving names in full and time and place of death, and any other mat-

ter that might be interesting regarding them.

That a memorial committee be appointed each year to fur-

nish resolutions in honor of the departed ones.

That the same be incorporated in the minutes of the Association, and that the clerk of the Association send a copy of minutes to the family of the dead.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. STANLY. W. E. THOMAS, T. F. HOLT, Committee.

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#### RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of their duties, and to the good people of this town and vicinity for their hospitality in entertaining delegates and visitors during this session, and to the M. E. Church for the use of their house of worship, and the Presbyterian church for use of organ. Also to Miss Dora Collins of M. E. Church for her faithful and efficient services as organist during our meeting. And that the clerk be allowed the sum of ten dollars, out of money collected for minutes, for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BURRESS, JNO. W. WEST, A. M. BELSHER,

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# Licentiates.

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## UNION MEETING.

OF THE-

# FIRST DISTRICT.

Meets with Osborne Creek church Thursday before last Sunday in July, 1885.

Elder J. P. Povall to preach introductory sermon, Elder E. T. Smith alternate.

ESSAYS ASKED FOR.

1st. Elder L. R. Burress-Is the doctrine of pre-destination limited? And if so, to what extent?

2d. Elder E. T. Smith-Man's agency.

3rd. Brother J. W. Burress-Utility of revised scriptures,

4th. Elder A. C. Vandiver-Fall of man.

5th. Brother S. N. Alexander—Redemption. What is it?

6th, Brother W. P. McGee-Duty of deacons.

7th. Elder A. J. Evaus-Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

8th. Brother A. J. Dalton-Duties of church members to pastors.

Elder J. P. Povall-Will these identical bodies of ours be resurrected.

10th. Brother S. D. Chapman-Exegesis John 3:5.

## Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a question, If

he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second, When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable tune allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas, and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members ris-

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal re-

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6. No persen shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission,

7. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, upon motion, with the consent of the mover of

the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

 The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absences marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each

other.

 Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

 A mendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

# Covenant.

ARTICLY . Me, is independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of

Christ, under the title of the Tishomingo Baptist Association.

3, We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates shosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, and dismissed by letter, excluded and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship, Also average number of Sunday-school pupils, teachers and number conversions; amounts contributeds is r Associational missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements and total expended.

3, We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every

hundred above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish

by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting so soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however; advise churches when they request it and will withdraw from such as becomes

heretical in doctrine or disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct, and to take oversight of all missions and colporage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

We will correspond with sister Associations,
 We will have our minutes read corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises and will not adjourn except in extraordinary

cases until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach the next Associational sermon, The Association may make such alterations and amendments to this covenant as two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# 25TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Tishomingo Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

## UNION.

Oct. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1885,

#### OFFICERS:

JNO. D. BILLS, W. A. RICHARDSON, Moderator.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Eld. W. L. SKINNER, President; W. A. Richardson, Ex-Officio Member, Secretary and Treasurer. Eld. J. H. Taylor, D. T. Beall, T. F. Holt, T. W. Jones, J. W. Burress, C. E. Stanley.

Board located at Corinth and Booneville.

CORINTH, MISS.



### MINUTES.

THE Twenty-fifth annual session of the Tishomingo Baptist Association convened with Union Church, on Friday, October 2nd, 1885, at I0 o'clock, a. m.

The Association was called to order by Bro. John D. Bitls, former

After singing "Precious Name," etc., Association joined in prayer led by Eld, L. Ball. The former Clerk being absent, Eld. W. L. Skinner was appointed temporary Clerk. The Chair appointed Elder J. T. Killough and Bro. W. A. Richardson reading clerks, who proceeded to read the letters from the churches, and contents noted. [See Statistical table.]

The Moderator then appointed Elders W. L. Skinner and J. H. Taylor, tellers, and the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the re election of Bro. John D. Bills,

Moderator, and the election of W. A. Richardson, Clerk.

Petitionary letters were received from Short Creek, Fairview and Union Groye, No. 2, praying admission into this body, and upon satisfactory evidence of correct taith, the churches were admitted as members of this association. On motion the association adopted the following

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.

2. Appoint Committees.

3. Appoint Messengers to other religious bodies.

4. Call for reports.

5. Elect Executive Board. 6. Appoint time and place for next session of this body, and elect Elder to preach Associational sermon.

Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Called for correspondence. Elder L. Ball present and received as correspondent from State Board Miss. Baptist Convention.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz.:

On Devitional Exercises .- Brethren W. L. Burrow, E. F. Romine and T. F. Holt, with the Pastor and Deacons of Union Church.

State of Religion .- Elders W. M. Henderson, J. Skinner and Bro. J. W. Burress.

The Association then adjourned for refreshments until 1:30, p. m.

Evening Session.

At 1:30 o'clock, p. m., the body was called together, and after prayer lea by Eider J. Skinner, resumed business. The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz.:

#### MINUTES.

On Proper Observance of the Sabbath .- Bro's J W Burress, E F mine, H M Cobb, and Elders W J Calvary and J L trray.

Fereign Missions .- Elder J H Taylor, Chm'n; Bro's R. E Holt, J

Smith, Wm Scally and E T Jones.

Schools and Colleges .- Bro J W Smith, Chm'n; Elders E T Smith

J Evans, Bro's H M Conn and C T Marical.

State and Associational Missions - Elders L R Burress, Chm'n; B D R Hooker, Wesley Holmes, J F Overton and Elder S D Chapme Literary and Publication Interests .- Elder W L Skinner, Chm'n; B

F P.Smith, H C Parker, John Berryman, J T Humphrey.

Sabbath Schools-Elder J T Harris, Chm'n; Bro's H M Conn, J Burress, J T Humphrey.

Finance-Elder E T Smith, Chm'n; E F Romine, J H Byrd, Temperance-Elder J S Berry, Chm'n ; Elders L S Piker, J L G

and Bro's D R Hooker and E F Romine. Appointed correspondence with other religious bodies as follows

Tippah Association-Elders W L Skinner, J H Byrd, J T Har J T Killough, and Bro's W A Richardson and W L Burrow. Me at Clear Creek Church Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept'r, 1830

Ripley Colored Association - Elders W M Henderson, W L Skint B F Taylor, W J Calvary.

Booneville Colored Association-Elders E T Smith, J T Harris,

Evans, Bro's H C Parker, J W Smith, J W Burress.

East Judson Association-Bro's J F Overton and F M Lankford. Unity Association, Tenn.-Elder J Skinner and Bro's C E Stan and D R Hooker.

Chickasaw Association-Elders J S Berry, W L Skinner, L R F ress, AJ Evans, J T Killough, and Bro's J W Burress and D R Hook Bear Creek Association-Elders J H Taylor, and T R Willett. Tombigbee Association-Elders J Skinner, B F Taylor, Bro's E

Romine, J F Overton, R W Lankford,

Baptist State Convention-Eldets W L Skinner, J H Taylor, J Byrd, L. R. Burress, L. S. Piker, J. S. Berry, J. T. Killough, J. T. Har. B. F. Taylor, Bro's R.C. Cates, W. I. Gibson, J. T. Meeks, T. H. Und wood, C F, Stanley, J W Burress, J W Smith, T W Jones.

Professor W H M Durham and Elder W G Thompson were rece nized as Messengers from Tippah Association and invited to seats.

On the call for Reports, the Chairman for the Committee on State Religion read the following:

#### REPORT.

Your Committee reported last year an unusual revival ant a greater ingath ing than in any former year From information gathered from the letters of Churches read before this body, a still great manifestation of God's goodness given, and the interest in the cause of our Zion continues. Many conversion E F Ro.

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W. M. HENDERSON. Chm'n.

The report was discussed and on motion adopted.

On motion 11 o'clock to-morrow was set as the time to hear the Associational sermon. Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Association met. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder E T Smith.

On motion the Moderator appointed Elders L R Burress, J H Taylor and W L Skihner as additional members of Com. on Obituaries.

On motion Bro. J M Burcham was received as Messenger from Mt. Pleasant Church. Elder J S Berry, Chairman of Committee on Temperance, read the following

#### Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report. We deem it hardly necessary to refer to the great evils of intemperance. These are familiar to all: they have been reiterated time and again. But we will be allowed to mention a few things bearing on our duty with reference to this question. rst. It becomes us as Christians to take a decided stand on this important subject. To fail to speak out and let our position be known, is to encourage the cause of intemperance, because it is demanded by the people to uphold the truth, and to cover up the truth is to deny the truth. 2nd. We believe it to be the duty of our churches to cleanse their membership of those guilty of intemperance. Dram drinking as a beverage is intemperance, and if dram drinking is excusable, how can drunkeness be condenned? For if it is no harm to be a dram drinker, it is no harm to get drunk. In our churches this work of cleansing ought to be thorough and sweeping. 3rd. We believe that it is the duty of every Christian to aid the cause of Temperance in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. BERRY, Chm'n.

Elders Berry, Povall, Henderson, Skinner, Ball, Honnell, Taylor, Burress, Moses, and Bro's W I Gibson and H C Parker made stirring speeches, and on motion a rising vote was taken, and the Report was unanimously adopted. Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

#### EXENING SESSION.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd.—Association met pursuant to adjournment, and joined in prayer led by Elder WT Lowrey. On motion rules were suspended, and time and place for next meeting of this body was appointed, which resulted in the selection of Baldwyn Church, on M&O Railroad, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1886, at 10; a.m.; Elder J. H. Taylor to preach Association sermon, Elder W M Henderson, alternate. Elders W T Lowrey and H L Finley were recognized as Messengers from Tippah Association, and Elder J Benson and Bro Burns, from Tombighee Association, and invited to seats. On motion the Reports on Foreign and State and Associational Missions were read and discussed jointly.

#### Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee would URGE the Association to no more for this work. Last year we p less than 3 1-2 cents per member toward sending the Gospel to the Heathen. tinue! Brethren of the Tishomingo Association, with the command of Christ resting on the examples of Bro. Simmons in China, David in Africa, Eager in Italy aud Powell in M co, with many others to stimulate us, and their great success to encourage us in this dep ment of Christian duty, we ask with emphasis, shall this continue! Let us contess, think do. Will not some member of our Zion do something for this work this year?

Respectfully submitted, J. H. TAYLOR, Chm'r

Eld. L R Burress, Chairman on State and Associational Missions st mitted the following

#### Preamble and Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Baptist State Convention at its last session decided to consolidate the nevolent work of the State, by doing away with all the Boards and have but one Convention Board, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the entire work, having but one correspond secretary, thus reducing the expenses of collecting, and

Whereas, said Board has placed the work in four quarterly collections, thus systemizing

work; therefore,
Resolved, I That we cooperate with the Convention on the new plan of the work.

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Resolved, 2 That we accept the amounts pro rated to this Association by the new Box namely: \$500 00 for State Missions: \$300 00 for Foreign Missions: \$300 00 for Miss. S

College and Midisterial Education: \$75 00 for the Home Mission Board of the South Baptist Convention; \$25 00 for Sustentation-making \$1200 00, and that we undertake to n the same

Resolved, 3 That the Executive Board of this Association pro rate the above amount the churches of this Association, and that the Pastors be earnestly requested to present it them, giving all needed information, and that the Deacons and active brethren are urged assist in collecting the same.

Resolved 4 That the sum pro rated for State Missions be paid by the several churches the Treasurer of the Associated Board, and that as much of the same as is needful be expe ed for mission work in this Associational field, and that the remainder be paid to Correspo ent Secretary of Convention. Respectfully submitted. L. R. BURRESS, Chm'n.

After being discussed by Elders J S. Berry, L. Ball and others t Reports were adopted.

Association then joined in special prayer for Elder E | Z Simmo Missionary in China, led by Elder W L Skinner.

The Executive Board was then appointed to prorate the amount adopted in the Report on State and Association Missions to the seve churches.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced the following: pointmants for Sabbath : Eld W T Lowry, at 10 o'clock, a. m.; Eld L Ball, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Elder J Benson at 2 1-2 o'clock, p.m.

Adjourned to meet Monday, October 5, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Benedi ion by Elder H L Finley.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, a. m - Association met. Devotion exercises conducted by Prof. W H M Durham, joined in prayer led Elder E T Smith.

#### MINUTES.

On call for Reports, Bro. J W Burress, Chairman read the following

# Report on Proper Observance of the Sabbath.

In six days God created the Heavens and the Earth, and on the seventh he rested and hallowed it, and commanded us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We would call attention that resting from labor is not observing the command from a Divine standpoint, but to keep it holy. We suggest and urge that Baptists take a higher stand ou this subjuct. God anciently never blessed israel when His day was not honored. We have this faith; that if we, as a Denomination and a people would honor the Sabbath as God has told us in His word and bring in the tithes, we would cease complaining of weak churches, low state of religion, poor missionaries, etc., but our God would pour out a blessing that would make us thank and praise him for his goodness. We recommend that each pastor prepare and preach at least one sermion on this subject to each of his congregations during the year.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. BURRESS, Chm'n.

Elder J. S. Berry, for Committee, read the following

### Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report. In the judgement of your committee a Sabbath School is one of the greatest factors in accomplishing good in any church. Nor do we believe that any church can even approximate her duty without a Sabbath School. The great need of our churches to-day is the development of Christian character, School. The great need of our churches to-day is the development of Christian character, sepecially in the laity of the churches. This is a fact, brethren, to which we must awaken or especially in the laity of our strength, and incur the displeasure of our God! Where can this growth in the Sabbath School. Why is it that Christian graces be best brought about? We answer in the Sabbath School. Why is it that the laity of our churches know so little and care so little about our distinctive principles as a the laity of our churches know so little and care so little about our distinctive principles as a demonination! Why are they so indifferent about self improvement? Temperance, virtue, home and foreign missions and commit sins in reference to the same! Because they do not attend Sabbath Schools where these things are read, thought of and taught. Then your committee would ask how long shall this sin of neglect be at your door! Every church is a little mission held and well would it be that each church would recognize that to it specially is committed the spiritual interests of the community in which it is located. Your committee would be a member in the same.

J. T. HARRIS, Chairman.

Specches were made on the above reports by Elders L. Ball, J. P. Povall and Brethren Durham, Parker and others and on motion were adopted.

Bro. J W Smith, Chairman, submitted Report on Schools and Colleges, which after being discussed by Elders Lowrey, Skinner and Ball, was on motion amended and adopted.

## Report on Schools and Colleges.

Education demands the earnest attention and efforts of our people and Baptists should not tail to take an advanced position to attain its benefits. Our facilities for Education is far in advance of what it has been, the means of obtaining an education is easy of access; to all the importance of its advantages to our young people is second only to giving them the Gospel. Indeed the two are so blended that fidelify to the cause of Christ demands the Education of our people. All around us are schools ably and efficiently conducted, and within the bounds of our Association are high schools for Colleges and Universities, and the cause of Education is increasing. We refer with pleasure to Mississippi College. It belongs to us and its value can scarcely be overestimated. We ask our brethren to support it, for its future is full of hope for greater usefulness. We beg leave to call attention to other Institutions accessible to us and worthy of support. We refer to Blue Mountain Female College, W. I. Gibson's school, at Rienzi, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Respectfully submitted,

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### Report on Literary and Publication Interests.

The people will read and there is a yast amount of reading mat within their reach, both good and bad. Christian people owe it themselves and their God to avail themselves of the good and who some instructions that good books and papers impart. We should subscribe for or read a paper, simply because it is cheap, but because it is good and healthful. Religious books and papers promote grand doctrine of the Bible, tone up the reader and extend his infor ation and influence for the church. We have many good papers the would do great good if taken and read, viz: The Examiner, Tennes Baptist, Baptist Gleaner, Religious Herald, Index, Western Record and many others. But we call especial attention to our own Bapt Record. It should be read by every family connected with the church es of this Association. It is healthful to struggling Christians; it f nishes us with the cheering news from our churches and urges us nobler work for God and our fellow man. For our Sunday Schools recommend Kind Words, Little Geni and the Publications of the A erican Baptist Publication Society. Also the Foreign Mission Journ published at Richmond, Va., for information about our Missionari But above all, we urge a careful and prayerful reading of the Bib We believe that one of the great sins of to-day is our neglect of t Bible. Let us study it more carefully than we have done. W. L. SKINNER.

Report adopted

Interesting speeches were made on the above Report by Elders Ba Skinner and Taylor, and Elder Ball received about 50 subscribers in the Record.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethen—Your Board continued Elder W G Thompson a cording to appointment until the close of last year, 1884. Up to it meeting of the Association, Oct., 1884, your Board had money to part him his salary for 1883, and only \$122.50 on salary for 1884. The Board is glad to report at this session that it is able to pay him be ance, \$377.50, in full on his salary. On account of scarcity of mone and the extremely cold weather during Jan., Feb. and March, of the year, it had no work done. At a regular meeting of the Board, Aprilist., Elder J S Berry was employed at a salary of \$40.00 to preach semonths one fourth of his time at Jacinto and to have all the money be raised on the field. He reports he has done the work agreed upon except holding the meeting which he intends to do at his next appointment. Your Board does not expect to organize a church there are once, but to furnish the community, and young men and young ladic in attendance upon the school with Baptist preaching. Elder W Henderson was employed to preach at Old Danville once a menth and

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hold a meeting at \$25 00. He has fulfilled his contract, and at no distant day a church can be organized there. He is hopeful of the work done there. Elder E T Smith was engaged to preach monthly for six months at Marietta or near by. His report to the Board shows he entered upon the work at once, and as a result organized Union Grove Church, No. 2, with 12 members. He held a meeting of 8 days, preached 25 sermons, had one conversion, a large number of penitents and expects several for baptism at next regular meeting. His salary is \$12 00 and what he raises on the field. Elder J H Taylor agreed to supply Burnsville Church, that is unable to employ a Pastor, and raise his salary on the field. He reports 7 sermons preached, 70 miles travelled, I conversion and the members visited. Elder B F Taylor was employed to supply Conn's Chapel Church six months and hold a meeting He reports 18 day's work, 200 miles traveled, 22 sermons preached, 31 families visited, held four prayer meetings, Sunday School addresses, 3, baptized 5; his salary \$12 00 and what the church pays him. Faithful work has been done, and more work according to am't of money expended than in any former year. Your Missionaries contributel largely of their means to Associnational and State Missions, and recommend that the present stations be supplied next year.

Your Board recommend, at your suggestion, the following apportionment to the courches to meet the demands of our State Convention Board in supplying our destitution and other objects:

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#### FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have coved \$34 00 for Minutes. E T SMITH, Chm's

On motion Association elected an Executive Board for next y Elders W L Skinner, J H Taylor and Brethren D T Beall, T F H T W Jones, J W Burress and C E Stanley, with Moderator and C ex officio members.

Elder L R Burrass submitted the following

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries cannot in the short space alotted Reports in your Minutes, say as much as desired in memory of y dead. So far as your committee have ascertaired, the departed of have left testimony of "the joys set before them" and by carnest hortations to us who are left behind, teach that it is becoming for living to forsake all and follow Christ, and intensifies this question Where is the profit if a man should gain the whole world and lose own soul?

L. R. BURRESS, Chairman

[See "List of Dead" accompanying above Report on next page.]
RESOLUTIONS

Elder J P Povall offered the following Resolutions which were un

imously adopted:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body be tendered to Moderator, Hon. J D Bills, and the Clerk. Bro. W A Richardson the faithful and impartial manner in which they have discharged threspective duties.

Also to the good people in the vicinity of Union Church for the bounded hospitality with which they have entertained the delegand visitors during this session of the Tisho mirgo Baptist Associat And also that the Clerk be allowed the sum of ten dollars out of mocollected for minutes for his services.

On motion Executive Board was located at Corinth and Boonevil

Here the Moderator announced the business of the Association as ished. Elder L R Burress made some touching remarks appropriate the hour of separation. After which the Association knelt in practed by Elder J H Taylor. Adjourned to meet at Baldwyn, Friday fore the first Sunday in October, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. A. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

J. D. BILLS, Moderator.

# LIST OF DEAD.

	Church.		Post Offic	e.
Names.	Booneville,		Booneville,	Miss.
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Bro Willie Smith			Corinth	**
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Bro Dudley Jowers	Kossuth -		Kossuth	**
Bro John Wray -			Kos-uth	44
Sister Maggie F. Moore,	Kossuth		Geeyile	44
Bro Albert B Milton.	Mt Olive		Geville	
Bro Phillip A Pannell.	Mt Olive -		Geeville	**
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Bro E G Robinson	Mt Pleasant .		Booneville	**
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Bro J II Robertson	Meadow Creek		Booneville	
Sister Louisa Aken	Meadow Creek -		Booneville	"
Sister Emma Pritchard	Meadow Creek	•	Burnsville	
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### APPENDIX.

The Union meeting of the First District meets with Gaston Chur-Friday before the last Sunday in July, 1866.

The following Brethren were appointed to write on subjects as

Edwin Forbes-What is Prayer??

J V Alexander-Redemption, What is it?

H C Parker-What are the special benefits of the Sabbath Scho E T Smith-Duties of Pastors to Churches, and of Members to Pastors

J P Povall-What is Christian Fellowship?

L'R Burress-Will there be a literal resurrection of the dead?

J S Berry-His own subject. T W Jones-Man's Agency.

W P McGee-Duty of Deacons.

The Union Meeting of the 2nd District will meet Thursday before 4th Sunday in August, 1886, with the New Salem Church, Introduc Sermon by Elder W M Henderson, Alternate Elder Tho's, Morela

The following Brethren were appointed to write Essays:

J Skinner-Is the doctrine of Predestination limited, and if s what extent?

W J Romine-Man's Agency.

J H Taylor-Redemption, What is it?

W L Skinner-Will this identicat body of ours be resurrected or J D Bills-Duty of Deacons.

J C Skillman -Can a believer or Child of God fall away and be

L. S. Piker-Ministerial Consecration.

F P Smith-Are sinners commanded to pray for pardon?

B F Taylor-Exegesis on John iii., 5.

W C Butler-Exegesis on John x., 12, 13.

H C Gilbert-His own subject.

W L Norman-His own subject.
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#### APPENDIX.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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### LICENTIATES.

Chapman, S D Geeville, Miss. Povall, J P, Booneville Miss. Killough, J T, Kossuth, Miss.

Note by Clerk-Sunday Services.

Elder W T Lowrey occupied the stand at 10, a. m. Text; Heb. xii, 1. 2. The sermon was a most able and enjoyable one. Elder L Ball, at 11 o'clock; subject: Missions. After which a collection was taken in cash, amounting to \$30 50. Any one hearing Bro Ball on Missions will be anxious to give. After dinner Elder J F Benson preached the funeral of Bro Noah Sweat, a member of Union Church. Text: Ephesians, 2nd c., 8th v., and when he was through, we were glad that salvation is by grace through faith.

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#### RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE i. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he rises to speak he shall

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All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the vote by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by mem bers rising.

Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he

depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, un-

less it belaid over, upon motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown. which shall be determined by a majority.

The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentee: marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator .

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other. 11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but

only on the day the breach shall have been made. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it

#### APPENDLY.

#### COVENANT.

Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association and afterwards ratified by the chur Article 1: We as independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to uni efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the mingo Baptist Association.

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respecturches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appoint and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration, and dismiss letter, excluded and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship average number of Sunday School pupils, teachers and number conversions, amounts tributed for Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial educing support of Pastors, church expenses, church improvements and total expended.

3 We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three deleuntil they number one hundred members, then one for every hundred above that number

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive me it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minute less two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire is standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by lette

delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural,

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting as soon a letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petit churches being received that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can at any time infringe upon the independent rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it an withdraw from such as becomes heret ed in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Beard composed of seven members, elected annually the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up I churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct, and to take oversight of all sions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

9. We will correspond with sister Associations.

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